

# T H E C A S E O F I G N A T I U S G O U L D, Merchant.

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**T**H E said *Ignatius Gould* has been a Trading Merchant these Forty Years past, and was looked upon to be one of the most considerable Dealers in the City of *Cork*, and the Merchant who Contributed most there, by his Importations and Exportations, to increase the King's Customs and enrich that City.

In the Year 1690, the said *Ignatius Gould* having a Wife and seven Daughters, thought himself obliged in Justice to them ( notwithstanding his being Old and troubled with a Palsie and other Distempers ) to go into *France*, in order to adjust his Accompts and recover his Debts, which by reason of the heavy Taxes and want of Trade in that Kingdom ( being then War time ) became almost Desperate.

After having settled his Affairs the best he could in *France*, he resolved to return to *Cork*, and follow his Vocation there, as far forth as his Age and great Infirmities would permit it ; thereupon he obtained a Licence ( ready to be produced ) from Her late Majesty, of ever Blessed Memory, and begun his Journey for *Ireland*, but ( to his great Surprise ) he had an Account upon the Road, that he was Out-law'd for High-Treason by some Persons, who, taking advantage of his Absence, Stript him and his Numerous, Helpless Family, of all the Fruits of his honest Industry and great Labour.

The Earl of *Barrimore*, the Lord Bishop of *Cork*, and other the said *Gould's* Protestant Neighbours, both Clergy and Laity, understanding this Matter, and knowing the said *Gould's* Innocence and peaceable Behaviour since the Revolution, and gratefully mindful of his good Offices towards them whilst he lived in *Cork* and particularly in the late Reign, were pleased to send him the following Certificate ( thinking it might be of use to procure him Relief, and Facilitate his coming to live among them again ) *Viz.*

We the undersigned Persons, do hereby Certify, That we have been for a long time acquainted with Mr. *Ignatius Gould*, a Merchant, Inhabitant of this City of *Cork*, and that we have always known him to be ( and was by all others we knew ) esteem'd a very honest, fair Dealer, and a Person of great Trade in this place, and in Eminent Esteem with all his Correspondents and Friends, abroad and at home, and particularly amongst the Protestants of these Parts. And we do further Certify, That the said Mr. *Gould* has been in no Employment, either Civil or Military, ever since King *William* and Queen *Mary's* Accession to the Crown ; and that he did in the late King *James's* time, behave himself very Obligingly to the Protestants of this City, and effectually served several of them : In Testimony of the Truth hereof, we have hereunto Subscribed our Hands, this 22<sup>d</sup>, Day of December, 1691.

*Barry More*  
*B. Aldworth* Vice Com.  
*E. Crosse*  
*Jn. Wallis*  
*Will. Hovell,*  
*Gon. Hawkins,*  
*Jo. Follyott,*  
*Ja. French*  
*Will. Roberts,*  
*Will. Carr,*

*Da. Crone*, Mayor.  
*P. Reneau* } Vice  
*Sam. Love*  
*Tho. Mills,*  
*Edw. Webber,*  
*Will. Ballard*  
*Hen. Lumley,*  
*Fran. Rogers,*  
*Bate French,*

} *E. Cork* and *Ros*  
*Arthur Pomeroy*, Decanus.  
*Rgw. Davis*, D. Res.  
*Walter Neal* Chantr. of *Cork*.  
*Jona. Falkner* Treasurer of *Cork*.  
*Edw. Sing* Minist. of *Christ-Church, Cork*.  
*Benj. Luky*, Minist. of the Great Island,  
*Dom. Mead*, Arch-Deacon.

The said *Gould* Petitioned the last Parliament, setting forth this Matter his Petition'd was refer'd to the Trustees for *Irish* Forfeitures, who made the following Report.

*To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, in  
Parliament Assembled.*

*May it please Your Honours ;*

**P**ursuant to a Clause made the last Session of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act for Granting to His Majesty several Duties upon Low Wines, &c.* We have examined the respective Allegations in the Petition hereunto annexed, and it appears to us, That the Petitioner had Her late Majesty's Licence for himself and Family to return out of *France* ; but his Innocence does not appear to us otherwise than by the Certificate hereunder annexed. We further Certify, That the yearly value of the said Estate is 943 l. 18 s. subject to Incumbrances.

*Which is Humbly Submitted to Your Honours.*

*Cyril Wich, John Trenchard, John Isham, James Hooper, T. Harrison, William Fellows, J. Baggs, John Cary, Tho. Rawlins, Francis Annesly, Henry Langford.*

Note, That Mr. *Gould* could not be in *Ireland* when this Report was made, because of his being Out-lawed there, else he could have made appear to the Trustees, and he is ready to prove the same here now, that his Business to *France* was to recover his Debts.

*It is Humbly hoped the Honourable the Commons of England, will in such manner as shall be thought proper, Relieve the said Gould and his Numerous, Helpless Family, and not suffer them to lose their All, and be exposed to the last Misery and Want, for a Crime which they never were Guilty,*



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*Ignatius Gould, Merchant.*